

# MARRIAGE – RENDER DUE BENEVOLENCE.

1 Cor 7:1-6

Chapter 7 – issue of marriage.

Many problems stemmed from past relationship to paganism and heathenism

Society tolerated immorality.

Four types of marriages:

1. CONTUBERNIUM: Tent companionship.
2. USIS – common law marriage.
3. COEPTIO IN MANUM: Father sell daughter to prospective husband.
4. CONFARREATIO: Patrician class, nobility class

Our culture and society.

Adopted by Roman Catholic Church

Modifications.

- Both families arranged it.
- Matron of honor
- Groom
- Exchanging of vows...

Divorce rampant!

Feminist movement.

Many divorces.

Somehow gotten idea that to be super spiritual--single and celibate.

**1 Corinthians 7:1** If decide not to marry--good thing.

*Touch*: Euphemism – act of marriage.

Other passages--sexual immorality

Adultery: Proverbs 6:29

**Wuest**: *It is perfectly proper, honorable, morally befitting for a man to live in strict celibacy.*

*Touch*: – to fasten, cling to, lay hold of, to have intimate fellowship with

Touch, in its context it, means to come together with meaning.

**1 Cor 7:1**: Sexual involvement...sensual touch

**Mt Henry**: *The expression also may carry in it intimation that Christians must avoid all occasions of this sin, and flee all fleshly lusts, and incentives to them; must neither look on nor touch a woman, so as to provoke lustful inclinations*

Parents! Teach NO PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT before marriage.

Rule: The less physical involvement before marriage, the more stable the marriage.

My standard as Pastor: No physical involvement AT ALL in youth group.

**1 Corinthians 7:2** To avoid immorality, get married.

Not imply -- escape for sensual drives.

Five Purposes for Marriage

1. Procreation. Gen 1:28
2. Enjoyment. Prov 5:18-19
3. Companionship. Genesis 2:18; Eph 5
4. Life Message. Eph 5: 25-32
5. Moral Purity. 1 Cor 7:2

Marriage also good.

**1 Corinthians 7:3** *Due benevolence:* conjugal rights.

*Benevolence:* Kindness, good-will; affection.

*Due:* What she deserves.

Physical relations in marriage – a responsibility.

Co-authority & Co-submission.

**1 Corinthians 7:4** *Power:* Authority.

Sexual expression within marriage – not negotiable or optional or added as side benefit, if chosen.

Obligation!

Mac: *God created it to be the expression and experience of love on the deepest human level and to be a beautiful and powerful bond between husband and wife.*

**1 Corinthians 7:5** *Defraud ye not...* Don't refuse or deprive your mate ...

*Consent:* When couple agrees.

*For a time:* Set a time limit.

Mutual and temporary

Reason: *fasting and prayer*. When person fasts for long time – loses desire ...

Ex 19:9-15

*That Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.* Lack of self-control.

**1 Corinthians 7:6**

I'm not saying you must marry.

**SO WHAT?**

1. Save the physical for marriage.
2. If you want to avoid immorality
  - a. Men: have your own wife
  - b. Women: have your own husband.
3. Make sure you fulfill marital responsibilities
4. Co-authority and Co-submission .
5. Don't refuse and deprive mate
6. You have liberty to marry or remain single.